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Subject: 220769 - Planning application comment was submitted

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The following is a comment on application **P220769/M** by 'Lyn and Richard Bavin'

Nature of feedback: objecting_to_the_application

Comment:

We are very concerned about this planning application and comment on/ object to it on the following grounds in no particular order of significance:

Size and position

Looking at the site whilst out walking, it seems the proposal is for a considerable industrial site adjacent to a residential area. This includes chiefly Wellington itself, but also Upper Wellington, Auberrow and individual households for some miles around.

Phosphate pollution

Plans for new residences immediately opposite the site have been on hold for some time. How do the proposed infrastructure and works fit in with the phosphate moratorium?

Time frame

1) Length of time works are proposed to be active – ten years – what are the possibilities that a future application might try to extend this? 2) Length of time it would take for any mitigating land reconfiguration or vegetative planting to establish, and how effective this would be in practice in possibly reducing noise, dust and light pollution.

Traffic movement

We have lived at the far end of the village, a mile away from the A49, for [REDACTED] and during that time noise from the A49 has more than doubled and continues over longer periods of the day/ night. Residents at the A9 end of the village are already subject to noise and light pollution from traffic, and the proposed works will generate significant traffic movements and more disturbance.

Effect of existing extraction works

There is already a problem with operational noise and dust from the Tarmac site for residents at the A49 end of the village even though it is sited further away from the A49 than the proposed business. We can see the effects of the intrusive overnight lighting from our house, and note how powerful it must be for closer residents.

New infrastructure

The proposal duplicates the unattractive infrastructure on the adjacent site. If a balance is to be sought between the need for building materials, business and job creation and the welfare of both people and the natural world, would it not make sense for Tarmac to extend it's operations into part of the suggested site, using existing plant and infrastructure with a new boundary well away from residents? If they do not want to do this, might that be because they do not see the site as viable/ profitable?

Air quality

There is a long established very active football club with multiple junior and senior teams, a primary school and a proposal for a children's play area at the A49 end of the village. All are already affected by both traffic and existing extraction works; increased activity can only diminish air quality, which is well established to have a long term impact on respiratory health.

Climate emergency

How does this development sit in the light of the climate emergency declared by Herefordshire Council and widely by bodies across the country and the world? All land and its wildlife is needed for mitigation of the effects of climate change, and as food shortages increase across the world wide we will need to increase local food production; these two go hand in hand.

Habitat depletion and wildlife

The area in the application is part of the Lugg Living Landscape, a flagship haven for wildlife in Herefordshire. The application presents major problems due to disturbance, noise, water pollution and light pollution.

Quality of life

The application cites future restoration for long term benefits for nature and the public. We consider that the route to these proposed benefits is unsustainable for both people and the environment. The proposed works will inflict sustained misery both day and night on the nearby population; their physical, mental and emotional health should be prioritised.

Public Consultation

In consideration of the major impact this application could have if passed, there should be a well publicised open meeting to present the plans to local residents and interested parties.

Attachment:

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